

THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application (no claim amendments are presented below):

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A method of using a razor head having at least one blade and a shaving aid strip in a skin engaging location, said strip comprising a shaving aid material and means for indicating a change in the amount of said shaving aid material, said means for indicating a change in the amount of shaving aid material comprising a coating in the shape of a selected geometrical pattern which is disposed in or upon a section of the upper portion of said shaving aid material and which has a different color from that of the shaving aid material, said shaving aid material and said coating being depletable during use of the razor by solubility, abrasion or a combination thereof, said method comprising the steps of:

observing the presence of said geometrical pattern on said razor head;

shaving with said razor head when said geometrical pattern has been observed;

and

discontinuing use of said razor head when said geometrical pattern has changed in a predetermined manner.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): A method according to claim 1, wherein said step of discontinuing use of said razor is taken irrespective of wear on the blade of said razor.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A shaving aid for a razor or a razor cartridge,
comprising:

a shaving aid strip that includes shaving aid material; and

a coating layer covering a portion of a top surface of the shaving aid strip,

wherein a color of the coating layer is different from a color of the shaving aid
strip,

wherein the portion of the shaving aid strip covered by the coating layer is less
than an entirety of the top surface of the shaving aid strip,

wherein the coating layer is at least partially soluble in water, and

wherein replacement of the shaving aid strip is indicated when the coating
layer disappears due to exposure to water, abrasion, or a combination thereof, irrespective of
wear on a blade of the razor or the razor cartridge.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A shaving aid according to claim 3, wherein
the portion of the shaving aid strip covered by the coating layer is a visible geometric pattern.